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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7935

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY SAIGTUL

AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US UNWILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE PRAPHAT AND NARONG

REF: A. TAIPEI 6596 B. BANGKOK 17002 NOTAL,

C. BANGKOK 16427 NOTAL D. STATE 207743 NOTAL

E. TAIPEI 6571, F. TAIPEI 6602

1. WE BELIEVE THAT REFS A AND B CROSSED IN TRANSMISSION. AS STATED PARAGRAPH 7, REF B, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT IMPERATIVE THAT NO CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE ADMISSION OF PRAPHAT OR NARONG TO THE US SHOULD THAT QUESTION ARISE.

2. REGARDING REFUGEE IN SWITZERLAND, WE REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 4, REF C, THAT THE SWISS AMBASSADOR HERE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE SECRET

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SWISS GIVE VISITORS VISAS, BUT THAT HE WAS CONCERNED THAT PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN SWITZERLAND WOULD COMPLICATE BERN'S RELATIONS WITH THAILAND. WE HAVE NO SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT HE IS NOW RECOMMENDING ASYLUM AS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 5,

REF E. THE AFTERNOON ENGLISH LANGUAGE /BANGKOK WORLD" OF OCTOBER 31 REPORTED (PROBABLY ERRONEOUSLY) THAT NARONG AND PRAPHAT WOULD BE GOING TO SWITZERLAND, AND PRECIPITATED A NEARLY IMMEDIATE GATHERING OF STUDENTS IN FRONT OF THE SWISS EMBASSY. THIS PROMPT NEGATIVE REACTION COULD CAUSE THE SWISS TO RETHINK THEIR INITIAL RECOMMENDATION, AND DEEM PRAPHAT AND NARONG UNWELCOME EVEN FOR A SHORT STAY. THE SWISS AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN EXPRESSING HIS GRATIFICATION THAT THERE IS NO SWISS EMBASSY IN TAIPEI SO PRAPHAT AND NARONG COULD NOT OBTAIN VISAS THERE.

3. WE CAN APPRECIATE THE ROC CONCERN ADDRESSED IN PARAGRAPH 4, REF A. WHILE IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR THIS EMBASSY TO TRY TO PUT THE HEAT ON ANOTHER COUNTRY TO ACCEPT PRAPHAT AND NARONG, WASHINGTON MAY BE ABLE TO BE OF SOME HELP TO THE ROC.

4. AS FOR THE ROC WISH TO AVOID OFFENDING PRAPHAT (PARAGRAPH 6, REF E), WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT THE MILITARY WILL STAGE A COMEBACK IN BANGKOK ANY TIME SOON. IF IT DOES, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT IT WOULD INVITE THE DUO BACK. OFFENDING PRAPHAT AND NARONG IN ORDER TO SOLVE THEIR MORE PRESSING PROBLEMS WOULD SEEM THE LEAST OF THE PERILS THE CHINESE FACE.
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